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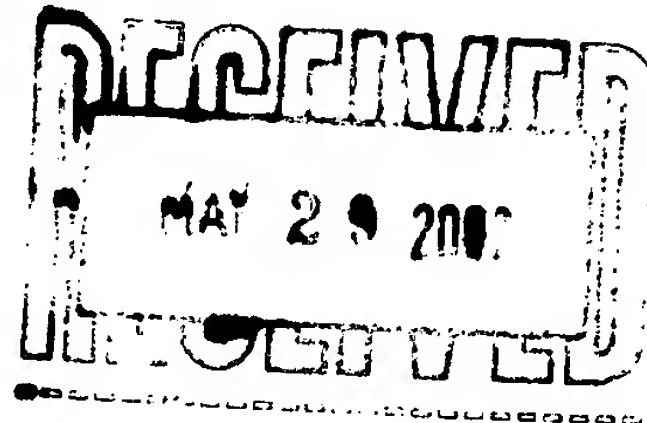
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Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

☒ Information Disclosure Statement, Form PTO-1449 and 46 cited references.

☒ Please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayment in the enclosed fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0413.

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Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted before the mailing date of a first Office Action on-the-merits. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

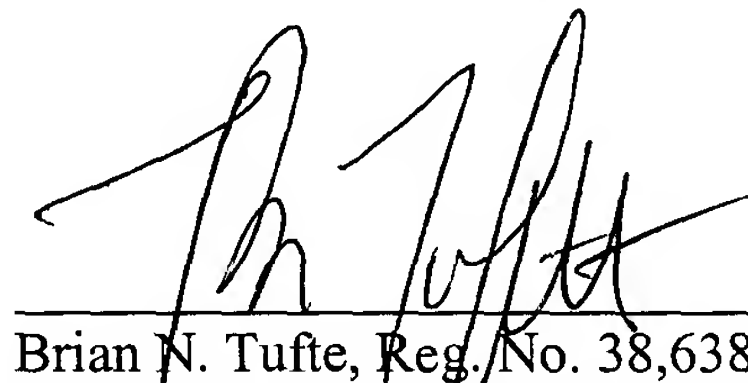
In accordance with 37 C.F. R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

No representation is intended to be made hereby that any of the cited references establishes, by itself or in combination with other information, a prima facie case of unpatentability of any claim of the present case.

Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 17, 2002

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian N. Tufte", written over a horizontal line.

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